Revolutionary Timeline

1630

Puritans establish the town of Boston.

1670

The first Old South Meeting House, a two-story cedar hall, is built

1761

James Otis speaks against the Writs of Assistance at the Old State House.

1764

The Sugar Act taxation and Currency Act infuriate Colonists.

1765

The Stamp Act taxation sparks rioting in Boston.

1768

September 18 – British garrison troops in Boston.

1770

March 5 – The Boston Massacre leaves five dead. British uphold the Tea Act.

1773

December 16 – The Boston Tea Party prompts the Intolerable Acts as punishment.

1775

April 18 – Paul Revere and William Dawes, Jr., ride from Boston to alert the countryside that British troops are headed to Lexington.

1775

April 19 – The British retreat to Boston after the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

1775

June 17 – The Battle of Bunker Hill leaves heavy casualties.

1776

March 17 – Washington liberates Boston. British evacuate with troops and local Tories.

1776

July 18 – Declaration of Independence is read from the Old State House balcony.

1788

June 21 – The Constitution is ratified.

1789

George Washington makes triumphal visit to Boston as first President.

1795

Construction begins for the new State House.

1797

USS Constitution is launched.

1809

The Park Street Church is built.

1822

Boston is incorporated as a city.

1829

July 4 – William Lloyd Garrison speaks against slavery at the Park Street Church.

1843

June 17 – Bunker Hill Monument is dedicated.

1863

The 54th Regiment marches to the Civil War under Colonel Robert Gould Shaw.



Statue of Samuel Adams